About 20 per cent of Delhi children surveyed were found to have goitre. In the Chamba District of Himachal Pradesh, 43.8 per cent boys and 54.9 girls have been found to have goitre. The percentage of children who developed goitre in Nanpur village is 66.9 per cent.

(c) The Government has launched a massive programme for iodisation of the entire supply of salt in the country in a phased manner to be completed in 1992.

Cancellation of trips to India by the tourists

*300. DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA HEPTULLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that approximately one lakh tourists had to cancel their trips to India last year as they were unable to get bookings by Air India/I.A.;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VOHRA): (a) Air-India and Airlines are not aware of the number of tourists who had cancelled their trips to India last year due to their inability to get booking with these airlines.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Recommendations of the Committee of the Planning Commission on Tourism

@2517. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what are the recommendations of the Committee of the Planning Commission on tourism headed by Shri Mohammed Yunus; and

(b) what is Government's reaction to this report?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) and (b) The National Committee on Tourism, set up by Planning Commission, has made several recommendations which can be classified into the following three categories:

1. A package of incentives for motivating private sector investment in tourism related activites.

2. Re-organisation of the Department of Tourism, India Tourism Development Corporation and the training institutes under the Department of Tourism.

3. Strategy for rapid augmentation of air and group transportation capacity.

The recommendations of the Committee are being examined by the Government.

Ban on product on of edible salt without Iodine

@@2518. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:
SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to put a ban on the production of edible salt without Iodine; and

(b) if so, by when a decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) The

@Previously unstarred Question 2100, transferred from the 11th August, 1988.

@@Previously unstarred Question 1500, transferred from the 8th August, 1988.

scheme for control of Goitre and other Iodine deficiency disorders which is being implemented with effect from April. 1986 envisages iodisation of entire edible salt in the country in a phased manner to be completed by the year 1952.

The State/Union Territory Governments have been advised to ban sale of non-iodised salt under the Prevention of Food Auldteration Act.

Improvement of train services on Sahebgunj loop line

2519. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI:
SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of trains running in Sahebgunj loop line:

(b) whether Government are aware that the passengers of Sahebgunj loop line are agitating for introduction of more trains. improvement of train services, timely running of trains on that line;

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto; and whether more trains on that line are proposed to be introduced;

(d) if so, when and what are the details thereof; and

(e) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) 18 and 15 pairs of passengers carrying trains are running daily on Khana-Barharwa and Kiul-Barharwa sections of Sahebgunj loop, respectively. In addition, 4 such trains run on weekly/triweekly/4 days a week basis.

(b) There have been representations to this effect.

(c) to(e) Introduction of adidtional trains on this section is not feasible at present due to severe line capacity constraints. However, in regard to various improvements made, a statement is attached.

Statement

Improvement of train services on Sahibganj loop line

1. 337/338 Sealdah-Gaya Passenger bifurcated at Rampurhat to provide commuter service on Sahibganj-Rampurhat section.

2. 321/22 *which used to run* between Rampurhat-Rajgram extended upto Tibhita.

3. 57/58 Kanchenjunga Express provided stoppages at Rampurhat and Sainthia.

5. 155/156 Tinsukia Mail provided stoppage at Barharwa.

5. 331/332 Sealdah-Gaya Passenger and 33/334 Howrah-Bhagalpur Passenger bifurcasted at Azimganj in order to improve their punctuality.

6. 55/56 Mayurakshi Fast Passenger which used to run between Howrah-Sainthia extended upto Rampurhat.

Mayurakashi Express

2520. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS: be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Mayurakshi Express is running in time daily;

(b) if not, what area the details thereof: and

(c) what is the number of days when this train reached its destination in time, during the last three months?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to(c) Mayurakshi Fast Passenger reached right time at its destination Rampurhat on 90 days and Howrah on 70 days during April, May and